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1. THE DEFENSE COUNCIL, UNDER THE GAVEL OF DEFENSE MINISTER VOTTERO, HELD ITS FIRST MEETING OCTOBER 8. UNDER AUTHORITY OF NEWLY-PROMULGATED ANTI-SUBVERSIVE DECREE (SEE REFTTEL), THE COUNCIL APPROVED A NEW DECREE (NO. 2772) WHICH GIVES THE MILITARY THE AUTHORITY TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE ANTI-SUBVERSIVE FIGHT AND TO TAKE ACTION NECESSARY TO WIPE OUT THE SUBVERSIVES. ANOTHER DECREE (NO. 2772) WAS APPROVED WHICH EMPOWERS THE MILITARY, THROUGH THE INTERIOR MINISTRY, TO REACH ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS UNDER WHICH OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE PROVINCIAL POLICE AND PENAL AUTHORITIES WOULD PASS TO THE MILITARY IN CASES INVOLVING SUBVERSION.

2. PRESENT AT MEETING ALONG WITH VOTTERO WERE THE TWO CINCS, WITH BRIGADIER GENERAL ROBERTO VIOLA, CHIEF OF THE ARMY GENERAL STAFF, REPRESENTING GENERAL VIDELA, ARMY CINC, AND GENERAL EDUARDO BETTI, CHIEF OF THE JOINT STAFF.

3. COMMENT: THUS, THE ARMED FORCES NOW HAVE THE AUTHORITY THEY HAVE LONG WANTED TO TAKE OVER THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE
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